

# Votomatic Devices Get First Countywide Test

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has asked for the voters' full cooperation in the June 4 Primary to assure that the first countywide test of the automated vote-counting system is successful.

"We are confident of a speedy, accurate count, and a minimum of confusion at the polls, but if voters will cooperate in just a few ways, total success will result," Chace said.

Many voters will be using the IBM Votomatic devices, which involve a punch-card ballot, for the first time. It was used by many cities during the April municipal elections, but the turnout for a primary is much larger.

"IF VOTERS will fully acquaint themselves with their sample ballot, mark it, and bring it with them to the polls as a guide, it will speed up the time necessary to punch out their ballot choices," Chace said.

Chace also asked any persons, such as housewives, who can vote at times other than the peak hours—early in the morning or just before the polls close—to do so. This will help avoid a traffic jam, Chace said.

More than 80 per cent of

the county's 2,909,410 registered voters have received their sample ballots, according to Chace. They are being mailed at the rate of 200,000 a day.

"WITH A MAILING of this magnitude, and four parties qualified for the ballot, some human errors may occur relating to your sample ballot," Chace said. "If you have questions or an incorrect sample ballot, call the Registrar of Voters and the situation will be corrected immediately."

City clerks and other experts across the county are predicting complete success of this new system in its first countywide test, Chace said. Formerly, Los Angeles County voters used paper ballots and an ink stamp.

Under the new system, the voter punches out his choice with a stylus. The ballot consists of a booklet listing the candidates, and space is provided for "write-in" candidates. Ballots then are tabulated by computer.

"AS A PRECAUTION, supervisors have approved an additional worker at each precinct for the first major test," Chace said. "Workers are prepared to instruct the voter on

the new devices as well as perform the usual duties of processing ballots."

The County Registrar of Voters, with the cooperation of scores of city clerks, has conducted a massive education program to familiarize voters with the device.

Estimates indicate the new voting procedure will save the taxpayers \$4.4 million over the next 10 years.



FRED FREDERICKS

## Initiative Deadline Is June 10

More than 431,000 signatures to qualify an initiative which would limit property taxes to 1 per cent of market value have been obtained, Fred Fredericks announced this week.

Fredericks, a prominent Torrance Realtor and Republican candidate for the assembly in the 67th District, is serving as chairman of the petition drive in the 67th Assembly District.

The measure, proposed by Los Angeles County Assessor Phillip E. Watson, would limit property taxes to 1 per cent of the market value. Some 520,000 signatures are needed to qualify it for the November ballot.

ALL SIGNATURES must be secured by June 10, Fredericks said.

"I can understand why a soap-splattered, middle-aged housewife like me would need to 'get away from it all,' but why on earth should a young girl like Mia Farrow need to go all the way to India to meditate?"

Anyone who has just finished filming a movie about witchcraft (Rosemary's Baby) and is now co-starring with Liz Taylor playing a Lesbian prostitute in "Secret Ceremony" deserves a rest from it all. And so do moviegoers.

"Is it true that Danny Thomas is retiring from TV?"

Danny Thomas will NEVER retire. He's just moving from NBC to CBS for two specials next season.

"The Emmy Awards telecast was a disgrace. Why can't the TV industry do a good show of its own?"

Before the Academy show, its producer, Greg Garrison (who also produces the Dean Martin Show), said: "We're in the entertainment business and if TV can't give its own awards in an entertaining manner, then something is wrong." He was right—something was wrong.

"Contrary to what I expected from the ads, 'Planet of the Apes' was a good movie. Why don't they have

rick's said. Fredericks has asked all voters who have petitions to make sure and return them by the June 10 deadline. Any registered voter may sign or circulate a petition, he said. They may be secured from any of his four Torrance area offices.

"It would be very unfortunate if the initiative failed to qualify for the November ballot because of a lack of signatures," he said. "This provides an excellent opportunity for property owners to take positive action on a vital problem."

a sequel?"

They will—if only to get their money's worth out of all those rubber monkey masks. The author of the original novel is preparing a sequel to start shooting early next year. Apes are the next big trend today and there's not a monkey in Hollywood who isn't working.

"I have been watching all the TV shows which I feel are important and I am becoming weary (as well as wary) of white, blacks, hippies, protestors, dissenters, draft dodgers, Panthers and East Indian meditators. I wonder if I am the only one who came to love and have now started to dislike?"

TV contributes to instant hate and prejudice as much as it does to instant love and dates, but it is better to have loved and lost, they say, than never to have loved at all!

"I have been going to movies since they first began to talk and it seems to me the new crop of actresses can act circles around anything that was done by the glamorous ladies of the past like Garbo, Dietrich and Crawford, but why is it that the old timers are the ones we know and respect?"

They got there first, worked hard, did as they were told, spoke only through studio press agents, and most important—they have survived—Garbo in memory and the other two by remaining active.

"No one can really replace Rowan and Martin but who will try to do it this summer?"

"The Champions," a British series about three international crime-fighters with superhuman powers who roam the world on missions assigned to them by NEMESIS in Geneva. I guess that's who got custody of The Man From UNCLE who was recently divorced from NBC!

# The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

# Thomas Gets Praise For Saving Millions

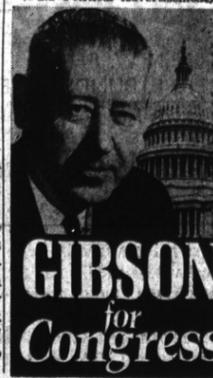
Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh has expressed his appreciation of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas' (D-San Pedro) efforts as chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in assuring the recovery of millions of dollars which the state government would otherwise have lost due to bureaucratic inefficiencies and red tape.

"The Joint Audit Committee is unquestionably one of the most important committees in the Legislature," Unruh said, "and the people of California are fortunate indeed in having Vince Thomas as its chairman."

"In the six years during which Assemblyman Thomas has headed this committee, it has reviewed the security, recordings, and expenditure of state funds by over 200 governmental agencies."

"Last year, due primarily to Mr. Thomas' persistent efforts, the committee secured

the recovery from the federal government of millions of dollars in highway construction funds. In its report in 1967, the committee found that the State Division of Highways had failed to obtain \$140 million in reimbursements from the federal interstate highway program. Thanks to the Joint Audit Committee, the State of California is now beginning to receive these moneys."



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